

Phillips County Commissioner Meeting

October 20, 2014

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Chairman Harlan Stern and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Those present were Commissioners Harlan Stern, Joe Kinnie and Don Lock, County Administrator Randy Schafer, and County Clerk Beth Zilla.

The board approved a batch of accounts payable for the month of September.

Joe Kinnie made a motion to approve the minutes from the October 08th, 2014 meeting. Don Lock seconded the motion. Motion carried.

In reviewing the proposal from rfarmer llc, Harlan suggested that auditing the livestock committee books should be included in the audit.

Don Lock made a motion, seconded by Joe Kinnie, to approve rfarmer llc 2014 audit proposal for an amount not to exceed \$19,000. Motion carried.

Joe Kinnie made a motion, seconded by Don Lock, to accept the recommendation of the planning commission and to approve the Subdivision Exemption for DB properties for the sale of approximately 5 acres in the SE ¼ of Section 23, T8N, R46W. Motion carried.

Harlan Stern made a motion, seconded by Don Lock, to purchase approximately 9.8 acres of land lying west of the Phillips County Fairgrounds in the SW ¼ of Section 7, T7N, R45W at a purchase price of \$6,000 per acre from James and Julie Krogmeier. Motion carried. Final total price will be based on actual surveyed acreage. Approximately 8.7 acres will be used for custom harvester's equipment parking. Approximately 1.1 acres will be for a roadway from Howlett Street to the parking area.

Joe Kinnie suggested the county installs a professional sign up along the highway to direct custom harvesters where to park. Randy Schafer will get permission from the State of Colorado to post sign. Harlan also requested that letters be sent to all of the custom harvesters that stayed at the park in the past to inform them of the new parking area.

Don Lock made a motion, seconded by Joe Kinnie, to appoint Mark Evers to fill the remaining term for Don Burris on the 911 board, representing Haxtun Hospital District. Motion carried. His term will end June 30, 2016.

Harlan Stern would like to make note of a special thank you to all the employees that helped to make the 125th Phillips County Celebration a success.

Don Lock made a motion, seconded by Joe Kinnie, to approve Lyle's Service bid on the air conditioner unit for the computer room in the amount of \$2,150.00. Motion carried.

The board dismissed at 10:45 to go do its annual inspection of the jail.

The board resumed regular business at 11:15 am.

The board reviewed options for screens and projectors for the Event Center. Additional input is needed before a decision can be made.

An update on the NECO Wind project was reviewed from Matthias Weigel of Trishe Resources, Inc.

The board met with Dennis Kaan to discuss the Colorado State Extension budget. They approved changing Kindra Plumb to a four-day week at the budgeted figure of \$38,530. They brought up three issues with the proposed budget:

1. Why does each county not pay for their own 4-H associate?
2. Why the Northern Colorado Entomologist salary is not equally distributed to all counties or prorated by assessed value plus population

3. Presented two alternative methods for allocating the horticulture associate position. They were an alternative based on population (50%) plus assessed value (50%). The second alternative used the same method, but allocated 10% of the salary to the host county.

Dennis indicated he would provide a schedule of the work effort by the Horticulturalist.

The board met with Social Services Director Jackie Reynolds for regular business.

A motion was made by Don Lock, seconded by Joe Kinnie, to approve a step increase for Social Services Case Manager Tiffany Watson. She will move to SS Grade 67, Step 6, effective November 1, 2014 at an annual salary of \$34,866 (\$2,905.50/mo). Motion carried. She received a satisfactory performance appraisal.

The board reviewed September revenue and expenditure reports and the reconciled cash balance for August.

The following Event Center rentals were reviewed:

- Steve Young
- Jordan Stone
- Melissa Memorial Hospital Foundation

The meeting adjourned at 1:30 pm.

Submitted by Beth Zilla

Phillips County Clerk



Harlan Stern

Donald J. Lock

K. Joe Kinnie

Attest:



Beth Zilla, County Clerk